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## WHAT YOU'LL NEED for INSTALLATION

- ➔ Measuring Tape
- ➔ Pencil
- ➔ Square
- ➔ Saw (for openings deeper than 2x4 opening)
- ➔ Nail Gun / Screw Gun
- ➔ Wallboard Saw / Utility Knife (for remodels)
- ➔ Eye Protection
- ➔ Head Protection
- ➔ 2x4 (for stepped style)
- ➔ 1x4 (for smooth style in a remodel)



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# THANK YOU

## FOR PURCHASING THE UNIVERSAL ARCH KIT!

We at Archways & Ceilings made a vow to ourselves that we would be different; that our success would depend on truly serving the needs of our customers. In doing this, we have developed the Universal Arch kit: a quick, easy and affordable solution to add an arch to any opening. Through several rounds of design, redesign and testing, we patiently engineered this product to get it *just right*. However, we still welcome your feedback to make this product even better. It's as important to us today as it was yesterday, to live up to our promises. To prove it, you have direct access to me, Director of Product Design, to express your thoughts on this or any of our products. You can reach me directly by emailing me at [Russell@ArchKit.com](mailto:Russell@ArchKit.com).

Sincerely,

*Russell Scott*

Director of Product Design  
Universal Arch Kit

## FINDING YOUR INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

There are 4 different installation instructions included in this booklet depending upon the two arch styles and whether you will be installing to new construction or in a remodel.

**Before you can begin installing your universal arch kit, first choose your arch style: smooth or stepped.**



Now that you have chosen the smooth style, decide whether you will be installing to an opening in new construction (framed opening without drywall) or in a remodel (with existing drywall).



Now that you have chosen the stepped style, decide whether you will be installing to an opening in new construction (framed opening without drywall) or in a remodel (with existing drywall).

### NEW CONSTRUCTION



Continue on to **page 6** for the instructions on installing a smooth style arch kit to an opening in new construction.

### REMODEL



Continue on to **page 7** for the instructions on installing a smooth style arch kit to an opening in a remodel.

### NEW CONSTRUCTION



Continue on to **page 9** for the instructions on installing a stepped style arch kit to an opening in new construction.

### REMODEL



Continue on to **page 10** for the instructions on installing a stepped style arch kit to an opening in a remodel.

**WORKING WITH A  
DEEP OPENING?**

**OUR ARCH KITS  
CAN BE CUT TO FIT  
OPENINGS UP TO 12"**





## SMOOTH STYLE *to* NEW CONSTRUCTION

(framed opening without drywall)

- 1 On one side of the opening, measure down 13" from the header and mark a line on the stud across the inside face of the opening.



- 2 Measure 13" out from the stud and mark a line across the underside of the header.



- 3 Repeat steps 1 & 2 for the other side of the opening.



- 4 Using a nail gun (or screw gun), align and fasten each arch kit piece to lines marked on the stud and header for both sides of the opening.



**Note:** For an opening deeper than a 2x4 wall, finish the "split cut" on each arch kit piece. Align and fasten the split pieces to the front and back of the opening.

That's it! You're now ready for drywall! For drywall instructions, download them from our website at [www.ArchKit.com/drywall.pdf](http://www.ArchKit.com/drywall.pdf)



## SMOOTH STYLE *in a* REMODEL

(with existing drywall)

- 1 On one side of the opening, measure down 18" from the drywalled header and mark a line across the inside face of the drywall.



- 2 Measure 18" out from the side of the opening and mark a line across the underside of the drywalled header.



- 3 Repeat steps 1 & 2 for the other side of the opening.



- 4 Carefully remove the drywall on the inside of the opening between the 18" marked on the drywalled header and the side of the opening using a wallboard saw (or utility knife).



- 5 On one side of the opening, measure down 13" from the header and mark a line on the stud across the inside face of the opening.



- 6 Measure 13" out from the stud and mark a line across the underside of the header.





**7** Repeat steps 5 & 6 for the other side of the opening.



**8** For drywall backing, fasten a 6" 1x4 block flush against the stud and up against the header.



**9** Then fasten a 5 1/4" 1x4 block flush against the header and up against the 6" 1x4 block.



**10** Repeat steps 8 & 9 for the other side of the opening.



**11** Using a nail gun (or screw gun), align and fasten each arch kit piece to lines marked on the stud and header for both sides of the opening.



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# STEPPED STYLE *to* NEW CONSTRUCTION

(framed opening without drywall)

1 To create the step on one side of the opening, fasten two 16" 2x4 blocks flush against the stud and up against the header.



2 Then fasten two 13" blocks flush against the header and up against the 16" blocks.



3 Repeat steps 1 & 2 for the other side of the opening.



4 Using a nail gun (or screw gun), align and fasten each arch kit piece to ends of the 2x4 blocks used to create the step.



**Note:** For an opening deeper than a 2x4 wall, finish the "split cut" on each arch kit piece. Align and fasten the split pieces to the front and back of the opening.

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# STEPPED STYLE *in a* REMODEL

(with existing drywall)

- 1 To create the step on one side of the opening, fasten two 16" 2x4 blocks centered on the side of the opening and up against the drywall header.

**Note:** By centering the blocks on the side of the opening, leaving roughly 5/8" to 3/4" on each side, this will allow the new drywall to blend into the existing drywall.

- 2 Then fasten two 13" blocks centered on the drywalled header and up against the 16" blocks.

- 3 Repeat steps 1 & 2 for the other side of the opening.

- 4 Using a nail gun (or screw gun), align and fasten each arch kit piece to ends of the 2x4 blocks used to create the step.

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